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CAPT. SCOTT L. JOHNSTON APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF NAVAL CENTER FOR COMBAT & OPERATIONAL STRESS CONTROL

SAN DIEGO – Navy Capt. Scott L. Johnston, a clinical psychologist, has been named director of the Naval Center for Combat & Operational Stress Control (NCCOSC), where he has served as interim director since January 2011.

"Capt. Johnston's dedication and passion for helping our Sailors and Marines is exemplary," said Rear Adm. Karen Flaherty, deputy surgeon general of the Navy. "The NCCOSC mission to promote psychological health in our warriors will continue to vigorously progress under his leadership."

A program of the Navy Bureau of Medicine & Surgery (BUMED), NCCOSC works to improve the psychological health of Navy and Marine Corps forces through programs that aid research, educate service members, build resilience and promote best practices in the treatment of combat and operational stress injuries. The center was established in 2008 and is based at Naval Medical Center San Diego.

Commissioned in 1993, Johnston has had five deployments, including two with Operation Iraqi Freedom and one with the Joint Task Force, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Academically, he has published and lectured around the world on the treatment of combat-related post-traumatic stress disorder, building resilience in Marines and Sailors, and transitional interventions for returning warriors. He is board-certified in both forensic and clinical psychology.

His awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (two awards), Navy Achievement Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal (Fleet Marine Force), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal (Fleet Marine Force) and various service and unit awards.

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